

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Final Action dated February 27, 2007 and pursuant to an in-person conference between Examiner and Applicants' representative on May 4, 2007, followed by a telephonic conference on May 7, 2007. Applicants thank Examiner for providing Applicants the opportunity to discuss the application and claims with Examiner. Applicants further thank Examiner for indicating that the amendments contained herein would place the claims in condition for allowance (subject to a further search).

Accordingly, Applicants have amended the claims to more clearly recite features of the invention, overcome the claim objections, and provide correct dependency for dependent claims 20 and 21. Specifically, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 11 and cancelled claims 3 and 5 and 17 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding in this application that those claims, as originally presented, are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to the claims.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

In the present Office Action, Claims 11 and 17 are objected to because of informalities. Accordingly, Applicants have amended Claims 11 and 17 to overcome the claim objections. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request removal of the objections to the claims.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Applicants have now amended the claims to include subject matter from dependent claims, which further clarify features of Applicants' independent claims, which Applicants believe are allowable over *Arimili '29* and the combination of secondary references with *Arimili '29*. As noted by Examiner during the in-person and telephonic conferences, the amendments herein overcome the §§ 102 and 103 rejections.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have diligently responded to the Office Action by amending the claims to more clearly recite the features of the invention and overcome claim objections and provide correct claim dependencies. As noted by Examiner during the telephonic conference, the amendments overcome the claim objections and §§ 102 and 103 rejections, and Applicants, respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all claims now pending.

Applicants further respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney of record at 512.343.6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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